



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year23		Day5	Month4	Year24

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees		
		Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock			
3	Philip Howell	Trustee, Church Leader		
4	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
5	Stephen Johnson	Trustee	1/10/2023	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
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How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
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Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership
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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

<p>To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of belief in Crewe, the UK or the world.</p> <p>To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.</p>
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

There are weekly Sunday meetings, which are open to all. Hope kids takes place during this meeting for 4-11 year olds and a creche for pre-school children. Young people also have a fortnightly meeting during the sermon. There are special services for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. On some Sundays a bring and share lunch is held, to which all are invited. There are also baptismal services for new believers and dedication services for parents who wish to bring their baby up in the church. Prayer meetings support the life of the church with meetings once a week and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss a variety of topics.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-18 year olds.

On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items. We also provide bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support. There is a weekly Ukrainian hub which is accessed by local Ukrainians, where they support one another and receive help.

Hope + Coffee is a local hub for people to come and purchase coffee and cake, second hand books, clothes and gifts and new books, plus items made by a Nepali charity which teaches people to sew. It has been a lovely way for local people to benefit from very cheap prices and meet up with others. Many make it part of their week.

A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run three times a year, with other churches in Crewe and is open to anyone. This has taken place online.

Hope church's website provides information of how to become a Christian, and includes information about the church. It is updated regularly.

Hope church is also a contributor to the local food bank.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This has been a year of change with people moving out of the area and new people moving into the area who found the Church. It is a wonderful cross section of people from many nationalities and backgrounds.

We had three baptismal services this year, which were well attended by regulars and visitors and a wonderful celebration of people following Jesus.

There were a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 20 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

We have transitioned to 'area' home groups, so that everyone has access to a group and people can connect with those in their local area. Prayer meetings are held weekly in the day and fortnightly in the evening, which are always encouraging.

The Asylum seeker Bible study has been significant in the spiritual lives of all who attend, takes place weekly and has been a place of encouragement and support.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, was blessed with a grant from Bentley this year, which has enabled us to provide for the needs of those who attend. The clientele has changed, following the closure of 2 hotels, but we regularly see people from further afield, who have been moved away and we have many in local houses, coming for help and advice and support. It is still a place of laughter and we have been able to help many in their transitions from hotel to rented accommodation and into jobs.

Love Crewe has been holding regular celebrations which has united many churches and believers. The monthly leaders lunch is a source of information and connection for all. We were able to take part in the town Light Switch on and point to the real meaning of Christmas. The third Lyceum Carol service took place in December and we were glad to see so many visitors. The service in Queen's park saw more churches taking part and we are enjoying the unity between us.

There has been change in personnel in youth and kids work and we thank God for those who support this great ministry. The Christner family moved back to the USA after 11 years with us. A new creche has been running for some months, which has provided some Bible input and structured activities for pre school children.

Hope + Coffee has been running on Fridays and provides a wonderful space for local people and church people to relax together and enjoy refreshments, plus access cheap gifts and clothes. It has a wonderful welcoming atmosphere and the mix of people and conversations is always full of life! All the profits are given to the Nepal charity we support and to Hope Cafe for the asylum seeker work.

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We had an excellent weekend away in March this year where Abi Willetts joined us and spoke on receiving God's healing stream into our lives, to clean areas and to bring fresh living water into our situations.

Revive is always a joy to individuals and church and we enjoyed having 10 asylum seekers join us. Everyone benefitted greatly from the atmosphere, time in God's presence and hearing his word, plus the fun in our camping corral.

We are very grateful to Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty. We also help to support the town food bank.

**Section E****Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
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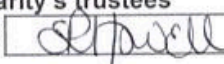
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**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

EMMA HOWELL PHILIP HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of trustees Trustee.

Date

30/9/24

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Hope Church Crewe

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1145555

Set out on pages

3 & 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

21/09/2024.

Name:

James Redmond

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA)

Address:

54 Langley Drive

Crewe, Cheshire

CW2 8LN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Crewe

Reg No. 1145555

### Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

06/04/2023

To

05/04/2024

## Section A Receipts and payments

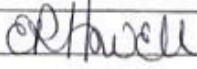
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift aid receipts	19,443		-	19,443	15,974
General donations and gifts under gift aid	116,062		-	116,062	92,506
Interest	579		-	579	30
HCC Hire	2,731		-	2,731	3,841
Shop Income	4,628		-	4,628	4,863
Special Projects/Grants	1,708	23,793	-	25,502	3,072
Fire	7,389		-	7,389	9,849
Book sale	25		-	25	80
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>152,564</b>	<b>23,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,358</b>	<b>130,214</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>152,564</b>	<b>23,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,358</b>	<b>130,214</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gifts for ministry and support	17,343		-	17,343	18,737
Ministers' remuneration	49,570		-	49,570	48,329
Training	820		-	820	844
Kid's church	1,164		-	1,164	348
Outreach	452		-	452	1,062
Church events	21,208		-	21,208	11,133
Mission activities/Love Crewe	1,931		-	1,931	1,497
Rent	6,240		-	6,240	6,240
Tel/stationery/postage	752		-	752	1,200
Equipment/Hire costs	1,539		-	1,539	2,140
Special Projects/Grants	0	15,478	-	15,478	2,625
Books			-	-	363
Nat ins			-	-	346
Misc.	1,302		-	1,302	1,775
Shop	3,055		-	3,055	3,480
HCC	2,509		-	2,509	4,258
Utilities	3,850		-	3,850	3,887
Asylum Seekers (Church spend)	16,066		-	16,066	16,637
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>127,800</b>	<b>15,478</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>143,278</b>	<b>124,901</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>127,800</b>	<b>15,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143,278</b>	<b>124,901</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,765</b>	<b>8,316</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,080</b>	<b>5,313</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>			0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>21,708</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,009</b>	<b>59,695</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>68,065</b>	<b>30,024</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98,089</b>	<b>65,009</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	26,925	10,024	-
	Deposit account	40,787	20,000	-
	Petty cash	354	0	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>68,065</b>	<b>30,024</b>	<b>0</b>
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building/Welsh Chapel	Restricted	50,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA HOWELL	30/9/24